

In the Specification:

On page 7, line 10, please replace "There are thus" with --Thus, there are--.

On page 11, lines 3-4, please replace "reduce greatly" with --greatly reduce--.

On page 15, lines 1-2, please replace "leaf node" with --range--.

On page 19, line 5, please replace "item is" with --items are--.

On page 23, line 13, please delete "be".

On page 28, line 3, please replace "the leaf node whose range spans" with --the range that spans".

On page 28, line 5, please replace "intermediate" with --additional--.

On page 28, line 15, please replace "want verify" with --want to verify--.

Please insert as the first sentence of the specification --This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/103,656, filed June 23, 1998, ^{now Patent No. 6,532,540} pending, which is a divisional of ^{08/045,759} Patent No. 5,903,651, filed on May 14, 1996.--

REMARK

Specification Corrections

Applicant respectfully submits amendments to certain parts of the specification to make them more consistent with the remainder of the specification and to improve readability.